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JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD HEARING

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TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Jennings County Public Library
North Vernon, IN 47265
PRESENT: Mr. Paul Cloud, co-chair
Mr. Richard Hill, co-chair
Members of Advisory Board
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1 A public hearing of The Jefferson Proving
2 Ground Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held in the
3 Jennings County Library. North Vernon. IN at 7:00 P.M.
4 on September 10. 1997.

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7 OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. RICHARD HILL:

8 My name is Richard Hill. And I'm the
9 co-chair of the Restoration Advisory Board. To my left
10 here is Paul Cloud, the Army co-chair, the other co-
11 chair. What I would like to do just real quickly so that
12 if there's any new folks here or people who are
13 unfamiliar with us is do our names and what not and I'm
14 going to start over here with John and just people that
15 are on the board. Or if you're not on the board and you
16 would just like to tell us who you are you can do that
17 too okay?

18
19 MR. JOHN MANLEY:

20 My name is John Manley and with the
21 Indiana Department of Environmental Management. I'm the
22 project manager and I work at Jefferson Proving Ground.

23
24 MR. BOB HUDSON:

25 I'm Bob Hudson. I'm one (1) of the

1 citizens. I used to work for JPG and now I'm just a
2 citizen on the board.

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4 **MR. TIM MALONEY:**

5 Tim Maloney with the Hoosier
6 Environmental Council.

7
8 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

9 I will point out George Bocher here
10 too right? Yeah. Paul has sent you a letter but you
11 didn't get it or something.

12
13 **MR. GEORGE BOCHER:**

14 No we are having a problem with our
15 mail.

16
17 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

18 He said that's being fixed too.

19
20 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

21 I'll talk to you after the meeting.
22 As Richard has already introduced me my name is Paul
23 Cloud. I work for the Army. I am the Army's co-chair
24 for the RAB and I'm also referred to as BRAC
25 Environmental Coordinator responsible for clean up.

1 environmental clean up of the Proving Ground. What we
2 would like to do tonight is go through a presentation.
3 Don't have a copy of the slides that you will see up on
4 the wall. If you have signed in on the attendance sheet
5 and you would like to have a copy and you are not a RAB
6 member please put an "X" in the column on the sign up
7 sheet and we will send you a copy of the slides. The RAB
8 members will get a copy automatically with a copy of the
9 transcripts of this meeting. But if you are not a RAB
10 member and you would like a copy of the slides that you
11 will see here tonight on the wall just put your name and
12 address on the sign up sheet and put an "X" in the column
13 that says copy of the slides and we will send you a copy
14 of the slides. There will also be a copy at the Proving
15 Ground if you happen to be there and you go in Building
16 125. Ken Knouf, who is the site manager, will have a
17 copy of it there. So without further ado let me dim the
18 lights and we will start with the presentation. I will
19 be using the microphone as I go through these slides.
20 Okay. As we go through the slides here we'll go through
21 the agenda first. We've basically gone through the
22 welcome/introduction. Again Richard and I are the co-
23 chairs of the Restoration Advisory Board. The first
24 thing we will go through is number of environmental sites
25 on the internet. We will show what is available and

1 provide some internet accesses. These are Department of
2 Defense, Department of Army, Army Environmental Center
3 sites that anyone can access either here at the Library
4 or at home on their own computer. If you need a piece of
5 paper we have some blank paper here on the table. I have
6 a few extra pens if you would like to write down these
7 internet web site addresses. They are on the slides if
8 you - again if you would like a copy of the slides just
9 make an entry on the sign in sheet and we will get you a
10 copy of the slides. After we get done with the
11 presentation I will swap a table here and actually get on
12 the internet and show you some of these web sites and
13 what they - what kind of information they provide for the
14 public, not only for environmental issues but there is a
15 base transition office web site that has to do with re-
16 use and you can access that for information also. The
17 next thing we will go through is status of the lease and
18 transfers for the area south of the firing line of
19 Jefferson Proving Ground. We will give an up date on
20 that. The next item will be the status of removal of
21 unexploded ordnance south of the firing line. Then we'll
22 have an open discussion where anyone who has questions,
23 comments will be free to ask them and we can talk about
24 those issues. And then lastly we have some closing
25 remarks by Richard and myself. So without further ado

1 (presenting slides) this is the defense environmental
2 information exchange network. This is the public portion
3 of that network that you can access. This is the web
4 site address that you would type in on your web browser
5 or your computer either here at the Library or at home.
6 Type that in (indicating) and it will access this site
7 (indicating). We will do that tonight when I get done
8 with this presentation. I will actually get on the
9 internet and show you the site and some of the things
10 that are available. therefore information for people.
11 This is another web site. This is for the Directorate of
12 environmental programs. This is Department of Army
13 environmental web site. This is the Army's environmental
14 mission statement for Army property. And you would see
15 this if you accessed the Army's environmental web site.
16 The Army Environmental Center is a Department of Army
17 agency who works for the Department of Army directly.
18 And they also have a web site and we will access that
19 tonight and you will see some of the things that are
20 available there for information. Now we will show a
21 number of different web sites. The first one (1) I'm
22 calling up here is Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for
23 environmental security. This is Sherry Goodman. This is
24 as high as you go in the Department of Defense on
25 environmental issues. She has web site and we will

1 access that and show you some of the information you can
2 get on that. This is another Department of Defendant web
3 site. It shows some of the resources regarding
4 environmental issues for the Department of Defense. If
5 anyone wants to write these down and wants me to slow
6 down just raise their hand or throw something at me and I
7 can slow down. There's no hurry. Regarding base
8 realignment closure programs there is another web site
9 that people, the general public, can access. This is the
10 web site address that you would call up to access that
11 program. A lot of these web sites are interconnected so
12 that if you access one (1) there are cross plates and you
13 can access the others. This Base Transition Office is
14 the one that Mr. Early who is not here tonight works for.
15 They are the office that deal with re-use and
16 redevelopment. This is their web site. You can access
17 this one (1) also and they will provide you with points
18 of contacts and other information regarding re-use and
19 redevelopment. I see some people writing so we will hold
20 off for a moment before I bring up the next one (1). A
21 word of caution if you are not that familiar with the
22 internet. You have to do exactly what is written there
23 on the web site addresses. Any typo errors won't access
24 it. I do that all the time. If you have an "N" instead
25 of an "M" or an "A" instead of a "B" it will just give

1 you that it doesn't exist. So you will probably have to
2 go back and check that as the first thing. But all of
3 these have been verified. They are accurate. Now this
4 is the public portion of the Defense Environmental
5 Network Information Exchange. And we will access this
6 tonight also. All these I will show you tonight on the
7 Internet. There is not only this page but another four
8 (4) or five (5) on the next page also. The fact sheets
9 that are on the table here came from public section of
10 DENIX. And that's where I pulled them off of and made
11 copies for the meeting tonight and there will be extra
12 copies at the Proving Ground if someone wants to provide
13 copies to someone that is not here tonight. And here's a
14 web site from the EPA that deals with BRAC facilities.
15 You will call this up and I will call it up tonight and
16 you will see this web site also. It has to do with how
17 the EPA regulates federal facilities under the BRAC laws.
18 This is the Army Environmental Center web site. The next
19 two (2) are Huntsville Corps of Engineers web sites. The
20 first one (1) called up has a fact sheet on JPG
21 specifically. And that is periodically up dated by the
22 Huntsville Corps of Engineers. The Huntsville Corps of
23 Engineers is the Army's center of expertise for
24 unexploded ordnance, ordnance and explosives material.
25 This next site is also on the Huntsville Corps of

1 Engineers web site. Provides the entire archives search
2 report for Jefferson Proving Ground. It's a three (3)
3 volume set of a study that was done in identifying those
4 areas that are known or suspected of having unexploded
5 ordnance on the Proving Ground, north and south of the
6 firing line. So it has the entire three (3) volume set
7 on the web and you can access it and read it or print it
8 out if you need to either here at the Library or at your
9 home or wherever you so desire. But these are the web
10 sites that are available for that. The next thing I
11 would like to identify are some points of contact. I
12 think you know some of these already. This is myself.
13 This is the toll free number that you can call to get a
14 hold of me in Aberdeen, Maryland. That's where I'm
15 located now that the Proving Ground is closed. That is
16 my E-mail address at the Proving Ground. This is Mr.
17 Mike Early. He is Base Transition Coordinator. He is
18 the person point of contact for issues on redevelopment
19 and re-use. That's his phone number and his E-mail
20 address. This is Mr. Knouf. He is the JPG Site Manager
21 at the Proving Ground. That's the Proving Ground's phone
22 number and JPG's E-mail address. That goes through the
23 Headquarters at Aberdeen for their web site. If you want
24 to get in touch with them either by phone or by E-mail
25 you can use either of those phone numbers or that E-mail

1 address and they will be able to either respond to you
2 directly or via us using the E-mail.

3
4 MR. TIM MOORE:

5 Paul will that set of slides that
6 you've given us will that have --

7
8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 It will have everyone - everything
10 that you've seen you will get it. If you want a copy of
11 those slides it's all on it. I have one (1) copy here.
12 I didn't have time to make copies for tonight. If you so
13 desire a copy just put an "X" on the sign up sheet and
14 you will get the full set mailed to you.

15
16 MR. TIM MOORE:

17 You are going to keep a full set here
18 at the Library too?

19
20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 I will have a set sent to the
22 Library. I only have one (1) copy right now.

23
24 MR. TIM MOORE:

25 Okay. Okay.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Some additional points of contact
3 here is Mr. Hill's phone number and his E-mail address.
4 He is the RAB community co-chair. John from the State.
5 And lastly but not leastly Karen Mason-Smith from the
6 EPA. Unfortunately she could not be here tonight.
7 Evidently there's flu going on in Chicago and I guess the
8 northeast. Hopefully I don't catch it. But anyway she
9 came down with the flu and was not able to be here
10 tonight unfortunately. But that's her phone number and
11 her E-mail address so that if you have a question or
12 concern to address to any of these individuals, either
13 myself, Mr. Early, Ken at the Proving Ground, Richard.
14 John or Karen, we want to provide this information so
15 that you will be able to get a hold of these points of
16 contact as you so desire. Okay. The next thing we would
17 like to talk about is the status of transfer and lease
18 actions that have either occurred or are in progress.
19 Again just as a refresher I know you've seen some of
20 these slides before. The process of transfer is
21 initiated when the buyer of the property that is Ford
22 Lumber and Building Supply south of the firing line makes
23 their request to the Army for the transfer. What
24 initiates or what starts that process rolling is what's
25 called a Finding of Suitability to Transfer. This is an

1 environmental document. It accesses the property that
2 has been identified for transfer and environmental state
3 as to whether or not its suitable for transfer from
4 environmental conditions: whether it's clean enough for
5 the intended re-use. That document, FOST, is created by
6 the Army. It's coordinated with the State and EPA and
7 it's put out to the general public for a minimum of
8 thirty (30) days public review and comment. It precedes
9 the actual real estate transaction, the actual transfer
10 of that property or parcel of property. It describes the
11 condition of the property in environmental terms prior to
12 the transfer and as I said before it's coordinated with
13 the RAB, the State and the EPA. Once it is signed it
14 goes to the real estate division of the Louisville Corps
15 of Engineers. They prepare the actual deed transfer
16 documents. And once they're signed by the Secretary of
17 the Army the property is transferred. And it then
18 belongs to either Mr. Ford and his company or as most
19 recent case as I will show here in a few minutes, the
20 pump station down town now belongs to the City of
21 Madison. That deed has been provided to the City.
22 There's only been one (1) FOSL. This is a lease document
23 that was for the cantonment area south of the firing
24 line. The process is essentially the same. Again it's
25 an environmental document. It precedes the actual real

1 estate transaction. In this case it will be a lease
2 instead of a transfer. And it describes the property in
3 an environmental - as an environmental - it proceeds the
4 lease and again it's coordinated with the RAB, EPA and
5 the State. And that was completed on the parcel south of
6 the firing line for the lease and furtherance of
7 conveyance signed last year between the Army and Ford
8 Lumber and Building Supply Company.

9
10 MR. TIM MOORE:

11 May I ask a question?

12
13 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14 Go ahead.

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16 MR. TIM MOORE:

17 I'm afraid to get farther along.

18
19 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

20 No go ahead.

21
22 MR. TIM MOORE:

23 The real estate transaction, when
24 does the money change hands and what is the money - is
25 whoever guys that land when that deed is given to them.

1 are they buying it or are they giving it to them? And
2 when does that take place? As soon as the deed is given
3 to them? Or is it --
4

5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 Let's take this one (1) question at a
7 time. There's multiple parts in it.
8

9 MR. TIM MOORE:

10 Yeah.
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12 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

13 It depends on who makes - who the
14 transfer is going to. I will give you a couple of
15 examples. Madison Port Authority bought Building 216 and
16 the railroad trackage of JPG. That was a straight sale.
17 Once they paid for that the FOST was signed and the deed
18 was signed and it was transferred to them. That was a
19 straight sale. Once it's paid for the deed is processed
20 like any other property transfer operation. There are
21 other types of transfers. There's a transfer called a
22 public benefit conveyance for like a park, Krueger Lake
23 area. Counties. Jefferson County is getting
24 approximately two hundred (200) acres in that at no cost.
25 But it has to fall into certain categories like a park.

1 That deed is in the process of being finalized. It's
2 expected to be transferred to the county probably by the
3 end of the year. That's at no cost. But that's public
4 benefit conveyance. The property that Mr. Ford and the
5 Ford Lumber and Building Supply Company are buying from
6 the Army was done under a competitive bid process. Under
7 that process there was requirement for a ten (10) percent
8 down of whatever their bid was. If you recall at the
9 time that the bids were opened in December of 1995 Ford
10 Lumber and Building Supply was the high bidder at five
11 point one (\$5.1) million dollars. They were required at
12 that time to put down ten (10) percent in a certified
13 check that the government has held. As the government
14 processes transfer agreements or parcels of land to his
15 company they pro-rate the acreage against the total
16 number of acres and when it receives that ten (10)
17 percent down then they will expect additional amounts of
18 money but not until then. Does that answer your
19 question?

20
21 **MR. TIM MOORE:**

22 Has the check been cashed? Or is it
23 just laying?
24
25

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 I don't know. I don't. If you
3 really want to know I would suggest you call the
4 Louisville Corps of Engineers real estate office and ask
5 for Mr. Tommy Williamson. He's our attorney. He could
6 answer that question. I don't know. I really don't
7 know. I don't know if we're getting interest on it or
8 not.

9
10 MR. TIM MOORE:

11 It sounds like the government though
12 to hold a check and not get --

13
14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 Did I answer your question?

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17 MR. TIM MOORE:

18 I'm not being --

19
20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 Did I answer your question?

22
23 MR. TIM MOORE:

24 Yes sir. I appreciate it.
25

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Any other questions? Okay again the
3 FOSL that has been signed was signed last year
4 approximately thirty-four hundred (3400) acres south of
5 the firing line. The FOSL was signed the 1st of May.
6 Lease in furtherance of conveyance was signed the 13th of
7 May. That was again a lease in furtherance of
8 conveyance. Title will be transferred as areas are
9 cleaned. Current parcel, and you will see this in a
10 moment, that is being transferred is approximately
11 thirty-six (36) acres. Here are some other FOSTS that
12 have been signed and actual transfer has been completed.
13 This pump station was actually the first document that
14 was signed for JPG FOST or FOSL. The reason why it did
15 not get transferred earlier was because the mechanism
16 that was used by the City and it was the mechanism that
17 was required, was they had to have a federal sponsor. In
18 this case it was Health and Human Services. There was
19 concern by Health and Human Services along with some
20 other federal agencies that because they were acting as a
21 go between or sponsor for the community for the transfer
22 of property that they may be held liable for potential
23 environmental issues on this property. It was going from
24 a military base to a community. So to alleviate that
25 concern there has been a Memorandum of Understanding

1 finally agreed to between the Department of Defense, the
2 Department of Interior, Health and Human Services and
3 some other federal agencies. And until that Memorandum
4 was just recently signed none of these transfer or public
5 benefit conveyances or economic development conveyances,
6 which this was one (1), were not being processed. They
7 all just kind of stacked up until the MOU was signed.
8 Now that it's been signed you can see the actual deed was
9 signed by Health and Human Services in process and the
10 City of Madison does have the deed now. The locks have
11 been changed. They do own the property and it's my
12 understanding that probably within the next three (3) to
13 six (6) months they will be actively renovating the
14 property and getting it on line to help alleviate the
15 City of Madison's water supply. Another FOST that was
16 signed, the Building 216 and the railroad trackage.
17 Madison Port Authority bought that building and the
18 seventeen (17) miles of track on JPG. That FOST was
19 signed in April and the transfer occurred in November of
20 last year. Krueger Lake area is a public benefit
21 conveyance. The FOST was signed last November and we
22 expect by the end of this year to have the property
23 transferred. And the most recent FOST is what's commonly
24 referred to as the PaperMill-Woodfill Road parcels about
25 thirty-six (36) acres. The thirty (30) day review on

1 that POST commenced in March. It was concurred to by the
2 State EPA in May. It was approved and signed in June.
3 And we expect the property to be transferred to the buyer
4 by the middle of next month. And that's the most current
5 document that we have processed to date. The next area
6 that I would like to talk about is unexploded ordnance
7 south of the firing line. As I mentioned earlier and we
8 will see the web site a little later is that the Corps of
9 Engineers did do an archive search report in 1995 on the
10 Proving Ground and identified - this is for the whole
11 Proving Ground now, the whole fifty-five thousand
12 (55,000) acres. One (1) volume of that report is
13 dedicated to south of the firing line. Volume Two (2).
14 South of the firing line they identified approximately
15 two hundred and - twenty-two hundred and thirty-four
16 (2234) acres as having potential for UXO. The Army's
17 commitment to the community was they would perform a UXO
18 removal operation to a depth of four (4) foot below the
19 surface on that acreage. We are proceeding with that.
20 We have completed approximately a hundred and thirty
21 (130) acres and subsequent site you will see the schedule
22 and I will discuss that in a little more detail. Again
23 that talks about the Army clearing to four (4) foot and
24 anything greater than four (4) foot would be the
25 responsibility of the buyer or the developer. This slide

1 shows the time line for the removal of various areas of
2 UXO. The hundred (100) acre parcel and thirty (30) acre
3 parcel have been completed. The airfield area contract
4 has been awarded. The contractor is on site at the
5 Proving Ground and he expects to start work next week.
6 Contracts for area south of Krueger Lake has been
7 awarded. They expect to start work either later this
8 month or next month on those - on that acreage. The
9 airfield and the area south of Krueger Lake are
10 approximately seven (700) to eight hundred (800) acres
11 each. As you can see by that schedule it will take
12 several months for them to work on that. It's very labor
13 intensive. Basically you walk over property with
14 magnetometers, metal detectors, and any hit you get you
15 have to investigate, dig up and see what it is. So it's
16 very time consuming. You can only work so many hours a
17 day so many days a week. It's weather dependent and it
18 takes quite a while. Again on the hundred (100) acre
19 parcel that's been completed last June. One (1) piece of
20 ordnance was found in that hundred (100) acres. That's
21 how much scrap was found. Thirty (30) acre parcel that
22 was completed last December. Found a little more
23 ordnance there. Found a lot of scrap too. Now the eight
24 (8) acre parcel is part of the area below Krueger Lake.
25 There were a number of mortars found there on the surface

1 so we did an initial surface sweep of that eight (8) acre
2 parcel. You can see there were a number of mortars
3 there. Most of them were inert. Didn't have any
4 explosives in them. There were at least three (3)
5 suspected of containing explosives. The effort that will
6 do the four (4) foot removal south of the lake we will go
7 over that eight (8) acre parcel again to a depth of four
8 (4) foot. And the airfield area removal will be starting
9 late this summer. Again they start to start back to work
10 next week. The area south of Krueger Lake should start
11 about two (2) to four (4) weeks
12 later. And then the last parcel which is not in the
13 property that is being leased in furtherance of transfer
14 is south or west of the airfield. It's approximately
15 four hundred (400) acres. It was a parcel that was
16 previously identified by Jefferson County as a potential
17 park and they subsequently modified and took that out of
18 their request. That's all I have as far as slides. What
19 I would like to do now is take a short break while I swap
20 cable connections and then I will show you some of the
21 internet sites and we will be ready to answer any
22 questions.

23
24 (SHORT BREAK)
25

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 What I would like to do is get on the
3 internet and show you nine (9) web sites that I have
4 previously identified. This is the Deputy Undersecretary
5 of Defense for environmental security. This is Ms.
6 Goodman's web site.

7
8 MR. BOB HUDSON:

9 Paul?

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 Can you pull a picture off of there
13 of her for me so I can give it to Wheatley?

14
15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 She actually does you know if you go
17 down through it you can actually click right there and it
18 will give her biography and there is a picture. You can
19 click on that if you've got a printer and it will
20 transfer it from the file on to your computer and you can
21 print that out. But that gives a little bit of her
22 biography. This is her principal assistant right here,
23 Vest. There are a number of different areas: Explosive
24 safety board. They are the ones in the Department of
25 Defense that regulate coordinates: specific to JPG would

1 be the unexploded ordnance issues. Here are a number of
2 other -- Again you can see here's Defense Environmental
3 Network Exchange, munitions rule that's out. A number of
4 other things you will see that are here available for
5 information. And once you access them if you want to
6 save them then you would click on the book mark section
7 of the browser and be able to save it. Okay. This is
8 another one (1) of the web sites. Again you can see the
9 very first one (1) that's cross linked is the Deputy
10 Undersecretary of Defense for environmental security.
11 You can go to that one (1) initially, and you can cross
12 link and you can see how it accesses from this web site.
13 And again the Explosives Safety Board, DDESB. Then exit
14 again and a number of other web sites. And you also have
15 it broken down into services. Here's the Corps of
16 Engineers. Environmental Restoration. Huntsville. Army
17 Environmental Center. and the other services; Navy. Air
18 Force and so on. There's probably more information out
19 there than you will probably ever want to know. Once you
20 get started in this you can just find out about anything.
21 If you can't find it out then you see they have an E-mail
22 address and you can send them E-mail and ask them and
23 they will get back to you. In this one (1) the
24 Department of Defense it's a specific BRAC Program which
25 obviously relates to JFG. And it has a number of

1 different items. things you can access. There are points
2 of contact. These people work for Ms. Goodman. Again
3 here's an E-mail address if you want to contact one (1)
4 of these people and ask a question or have a concern.
5 This would give you some information on different
6 conferences and meetings throughout the country. And
7 this one (1) would give you other web sites. Again like
8 I said you're mainly basically cross linking one (1) way
9 or another. The only problem you have sometime is the
10 web is pretty active. I think you kind of get the idea.
11 This one (1) that I'm calling up now is Base Transition
12 Office. This one (1) has to do with re-use and
13 redevelopment. This is the office that Mr. Early works
14 out of. So if you have questions, issues, concerns that
15 you want to address on re-use and redevelopment, this is
16 the web site that you would go to to learn information
17 and also points of contact and E-mail addresses. Go down
18 here and look at the various pieces of information that
19 area available. That will just give you some idea of
20 what is available out there and get into their public
21 affairs office, archives, and what publications,
22 bulletins, information is available. That was the Base
23 Transition Office. The next one (1) is EPA's office for
24 BRAC. You can see just by some of the headaches here.
25 Base closure, contacts, laws and regulations, different

1 technologies. newsletters. down load information. There
2 are a whole number of different things that are
3 available. This is again EPA's web site. It gives you
4 information on those types of issues. This next web site
5 is the Army Environmental Center. They are an arm of the
6 Department of the Army. They provide services for all
7 Army facilities from environmental prospective whether
8 active or closed. And there is a whole range of
9 information that's available from their web site. Again
10 they have cross links between them and a number of other
11 web sites.

12
13 **MR. BOB HUDSON:**

14 Paul I don't know if you've went too
15 far enough but is there a way to pull up one (1) and get
16 to a subject matter that might pull up a document on JPG.

17
18 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

19 Yes. A couple from now I will get to
20 the Huntsville ones. And they will have JPG specific
21 information.

22
23 **MR. BOB HUDSON:**

24 Okay.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Here are a number of different cross
3 links. You have the Army Environmental Center again.
4 Here's the Defense of Environmental Network Exchange.
5 You can see there are just a whole wide range of
6 different things that you can find on all of these web
7 sites and how they are all interconnected. This has to
8 do with environmental restoration. You can just link
9 one (1) to the next to the next and chain them. You can
10 save any of these that you want on your computer and
11 access it here at the Library. Okay here's FOST. Find
12 out information on FOST here. Okay. This should
13 answer your question Bob. This is one (1) of the
14 Huntsville Corps of Engineers. This is for JPG
15 specifically.

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17 MR. BOB HUDSON:

18 I just wanted - I just wanted you to
19 prove to them that they did have something on JPG.
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21 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

22 This is the fact sheet. It was
23 updated January, February and due to be updated here
24 shortly. Here are some additional points of contact.
25 This is maintained by the Huntsville Corps of Engineers

1 and it's related to unexploded ordnance. Here's another
2 one (1) specific to JPG. Archives Search Report. Here
3 is the actual three (3) volume set of the Archives Search
4 Report for JPG. And you can call up any one (1) of the
5 volumes and go to each one (1) of the sections and call
6 it up and read the whole thing if you want to. If you
7 don't want to come to the Library or to Hanover College
8 where there are copies or you call it right off the
9 internet of the Library at home and read all about this
10 particular report that's on the internet. And the last
11 one (1) that I can show you is the public menu for the
12 Defense Environmental Network Information Exchange.
13 Those are things I wanted to show you specifically. Fact
14 sheets we have here on the table tonight are these fact
15 sheets right here (indicating). And all I did was call
16 them up from the internet and once this - I think it may
17 have locked up. Hopefully you won't have this problem
18 when you're on the net. But it happens every once in a
19 while.

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21 **MR. BOB HUDSON:**

22 Paul you just as well be truthful
23 with them because it will. The best thing to do Paul is
24 just say I quit.

25

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 I just wanted to show everyone that
3 there was - those fact sheets were in fact on - on that
4 web site there and that's where they were provided. Here
5 it comes.

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7 MR. LARRY CUNNINGHAM:

8 Paul they must have a surge down at
9 Dillsboro.

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 Well they might. It's not going to
13 come back on. Unless there are any questions that's all
14 I have for the presentation. The next thing we have
15 basically is open discussion. So I will throw open the
16 meeting for any questions that anyone might have to this
17 point. Yeah go ahead.

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19 MR. JOHN HALL:

20 My name is John Hall, Mayor North
21 Vernon. I want to thank you first of all for having your
22 meeting here this evening in Jennings County, our new
23 public library. My question is I'm kind of wondering - I
24 know there's been a lot of things been happening at JPG
25 but I guess one (1) thing that's an interest of mine is

1 the - the airport facilities located there. The City of
2 North Vernon operates a nine hundred (900) acre facility
3 which was a World War II airport which I think we are
4 very good care takers. We in the last few years have
5 been doing a lot of upgrading our airport. We've become
6 more heavily used all the time. We have about a forty-
7 six hundred (4600) foot runway. Just spent a quarter of
8 a million dollars building a new terminal. Last year we
9 put in jet fuel. Did a complete - re-did the fuel
10 systems. And basically we're leasing this - this airport
11 with a ninety-nine (99) year lease on it from the federal
12 government hoping that someday we will own the facility.
13 But we just recently in the last two (2) or three (3)
14 years have done a little economic development on the
15 facility by - when the facility was given to or built in
16 19 - in the 1940's, early forties, about the same time
17 JPG was, about a hundred and thirty (130) acres on the
18 east side of restricted top soil built the runways. That
19 land will never be used for anything else. So we
20 basically went out a couple of years ago and marketed
21 that hundred and thirty (130) acres to some individuals
22 today who are putting an eighteen (18) hole golf course
23 on the facility as part of an economic development
24 package. I guess my answer - what I'm asking is was the
25 seven hundred (700) acres that you showed there of the

1 airport facility. did Mr. Ford take that? Is that in the
2 package deal? Or is that a separate piece that someone.
3 say Jefferson County, City of Madison, Jennings County or
4 someone could - could - would be interested in that
5 facility?

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 There's an easy answer there. It's
9 part of the property that is in a lease in furtherance of
10 conveyance to Mr. Ford.

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12 MR. JOHN HALL:

13 Mr. Ford okay. That's what I was
14 kind of wondering what interest he had in a seven hundred
15 (700) acre airport but I can understand what he was
16 interested in the farm land and the timber that's on the
17 property. But - and my - I guess the thing that I'm
18 looking at there is that airports are like anything else
19 in economic development. They are not building too many
20 new ones today. Those areas that have an airport that's
21 aggressive, that's well kept, is an attraction for
22 economic development and jobs that come into an area.
23 And certainly by my presence since I've been on the
24 facility there and have seen that airport facility could
25 be a tremendous asset for southeastern Indiana whether it

1 be military. Indiana National Guard or private use of
2 that. It's just a nice facility. It needs upgrading. I
3 understand that. I know the runway is in bad shape and
4 that. But most of those when they were laid like this
5 facility out here. we can land a DC-3 in our airport.
6 Might even be able to put a 74 - or a 727 in there if we
7 had enough runway. But because they were built right. I
8 mean they were built with drainage systems in it and it's
9 a real nice facility. And I think that's an asset for
10 the whole area is that airport. And could be - could be
11 quite an attraction for southeastern Indiana. North
12 Vernon as you come south out of Columbus North Vernon is
13 really about the last airport, what we call airport
14 successful, for all of southeastern Indiana all the way
15 to almost Cincinnati except for Mr. Hillenbrand's private
16 airport in Batesville. We have an awful lot of traffic
17 that flies into North Vernon now. We have pilot control
18 lights and everything. We have small Lear jets that are
19 flying in from our new 500 Fortune companies that are
20 here. We have a lot of traffic that is coming in just
21 driving to Ripley, Switzerland, Ohio Counties that use
22 our airport because it is - it is a nice facility and
23 they can rent cars and then drive to their respective
24 plants. So that's why we was wondering. There's a lot
25 of opportunities there for that airport.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 And there's --

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4 MR. JOHN HALL:

5 The City of North Vernon -- to lease.
6 it for one dollar (\$1) for ninety-nine (99) years. But I
7 can see - and I'm wondering - I wondered why that was
8 conveyed with the City of Madison. Madison doesn't have
9 a very good airport. I mean you know that would have
10 been for Jefferson County a tremendous facility I would
11 think in that area. I was just curious.

12
13 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14 It is part of his parcel.

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16 MR. JOHN HALL:

17 Okay thank you. That answers my
18 question.

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 Any other questions? Yes sir?

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23 MR. TIM MOORE:

24 Paul I would like to know if you have
25 an estimate or can give us an estimate on what the acre.

1 the cost per acre clean up has been at where it's at
2 right now. I know it was six thousand dollars (\$6,000)
3 per acre for that one hundred (100) acre parcel. Is it -
4 has it went past that?

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6 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

7 It's - well when you say gone past
8 that the average has actually gone down. It's really
9 dependent upon the type of area that's being looked at.
10 The acreage where six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per acre
11 on that hundred (100) acres was somewhat heavily wooded.
12 A lot of the acreage around the airfield as the Mayor has
13 put it down is open. It's flat. There are no trees
14 there for obvious reasons. You can't land airplanes on
15 trees. So that - I don't have an actual average dollar
16 figure but it's about seven hundred (700) acres and at
17 least one and a half million dollars for that. The
18 acreage south of the lake is about the same size but it's
19 more - because it is more heavily wooded. The one (1)
20 four hundred (400) acre parcel on the west side of the
21 airport that will not start until at least 1999 will be
22 much more expensive because it is the most heavily wooded
23 area. That is not part of the lease. That is Army
24 property and that's one (1) of the reasons why it's done
25 last. So to answer your question --

1 MR. TIM MOORE:

2 It will remain Army property?

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 Right now it will remain Army
6 property. If it becomes available as part of the
7 agreement in the lease it would be made available to Mr.
8 Ford first. If he decides not to then the Army may
9 decide to make it available to someone else. It was
10 originally part of county, Jefferson County's park
11 request. They amended that request and took it out. And
12 therefore it wasn't available to Mr. Ford when he made
13 his bid. It wasn't part of that lease bid package. If
14 it becomes available after the Army has cleaned it of
15 UXOs he has first right.

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17 MR. TIM MOORE:

18 The clean up process that has taken
19 place so far I haven't been able to look at it or
20 anything. Everything is removed from four (4) feet down.
21 Are you just taking the metal detectors and going in
22 there and when you get a hit digging it up?

23
24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 That's exactly what's happening.

1 Metal detectors are calibrated for specific types of
2 ordnance based on the Archive Record Search on what is
3 likely to be in the ground to that depth. They are
4 calibrated daily and sometimes even more frequently. Any
5 metal hit that they get they excavate to see what it is.
6 You saw some of the slides here. Sometimes we find
7 ordnance and sometimes we find a lot of scrap. That's
8 why it's so expensive because you don't know what it is.
9 If a piece of ordnance comes up because you don't know if
10 it's inert or if it has high explosive in it you treat it
11 all as high explosive and they are all blown up because
12 you can't take that risk.

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14 MR. TIM MOORE:

15 Do you have to blow it up in place?
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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 In place.
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20 MR. TIM MOORE:

21 You don't want to wait?
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23 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

24 In place.
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MR. TIM MOORE:

What do they do under the large trees? How do they check that soil that's under those large trees? Do they have to move that tree?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

No. They go - they use the magnetometer and hand excavate. They will get a little bob cat back in there.

MR. TIM MOORE:

And they go underneath it?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

They will go underneath it.

MR. TIM MOORE:

How did they - how do they use the magnetometers to go underneath the tree?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

They will sweep.

MR. TIM MOORE:

I mean you've got a pretty good

1 diameter tree.

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3 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

4 I don't think there are any trees
5 that big out there. There may be some this big
6 (indicating). But there aren't any this big
7 (indicating).

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9 MR. TIM MOORE:

10 Okay. Down there by Krueger Lake
11 I've slept under trees this big (indicating).

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13 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14 Krueger Lake has been identified as
15 an area that doesn't have a potential for UXO per se in
16 the Archives which though we have found a couple of inert
17 items in the lake.

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19 MR. TIM MOORE:

20 There's some pretty good timber in
21 that area. There's big trees there.

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23 MR. BOB HUDSON:

24 Well Paul a big tree the part
25 underground would be further down than four (4) feet

1 anyway.

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3 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

4 Yeah.

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6 MR. BOB HUDSON:

7 I mean it would extend down depth -
8 deeper.

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10 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

11 True.

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13 MR. BOB HUDSON:

14 But you wouldn't have to look -
15 really technically look at anything right under the trunk
16 because it's going to - it's going to go down anyway to
17 probably that four (4) foot depth. Of course there is -
18 almost immediately.

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20 MR. TIM MOORE:

21 But the ordnance has been there long
22 enough that the tree could have started growing --

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24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 Possible.

1 MR. BOB HUDSON:

2 Possible.

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4 MR. TIM MOORE:

5 I just wondered if they would be
6 removing those trees. Check - is every square foot
7 technically searched?

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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 They are going over every square
11 foot.

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13 MR. BOB HUDSON:

14 Paul on - on those ordnances that you
15 identified as the hundred acres (100) and the eight (8)
16 acres. were they basically surface ordnances?

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18 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

19 Basically. Everything has been
20 cleared to four (4) foot but the vast majority have been
21 probably within the first six (6) inches to a foot.

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23 MR. BOB HUDSON:

24 Right. I would think the type
25 ordnance down there would do that.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Does that answer your question?

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4 MR. TIM MOORE:

5 Yes sir.

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Any other questions? Comments?

9 Laura?

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11 MS. LAURA HODGES:

12 You said they already started on that
13 area near the airport? What firm is doing that work?

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15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 A company by the name of UXB
17 International.

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19 MS. LAURA HODGES:

20 When did they get started?

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22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 The contract was awarded mid summer.
24 They arrived at the Proving Ground a couple of weeks ago.
25 They - there was an ad in the Courier I believe it was

1 last week for help. And they have been training people
2 this week. And they completed that training as I
3 understand it this week and then they will be out in the
4 field next week.

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6 MS. LAURA HODGES:

7 Are they hiring local people to work
8 for them?

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10 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

11 I think they did hire local people.
12 some former JPG employees and some other locals who met
13 the criteria. They are being trained now by UXB and it's
14 my understanding that they will start the field work next
15 week.

16
17 MR. TIM MALONEY:

18 And is this a big --

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 It's big. Works before engineers. I
22 provide the funds for the Corp and they go out and do the
23 actual contracting. They have a number of contractors.
24 One (1) of the last one that did the hundred (100) acres
25 was HFA. Their contract expired. UXB is actually the

1 largest unexploded ordnance firm if you believe their
2 literature in the country. Did that answer your question
3 Laura?

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5 MS. LAURA HODGES:

6 Yes thank you. I have another
7 question.

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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 Okay go ahead.

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12 MS. LAURA HODGES:

13 I haven't heard anything recently
14 about the Nuclear Regulatory Agency. Are they - are they
15 continuing that - the commission process at all?

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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 They are. I have had a number of
19 conversations with the NRC within the last week. In fact
20 I just mentioned to Richard on the 21st of July there was
21 a federal registered notice on a final rule that the NRC
22 came out with addressing restricted license termination
23 which would be potentially applicable to JPG. You can
24 access the web or come to the Library and look at the
25 Federal Register on that specific notice. The NRC is

1 very interested in that as is the Army. They are working
2 on it. I expect in November at the November RAB meeting
3 they will have some type of presentation and status
4 update on what they are doing and the progress. That
5 rule is very recent.

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7 MS. LAURA HODGES:

8 In layman's terms what is that rule
9 that's proposed?

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 It's not proposed. It's final.

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14 MS. LAURA HODGES:

15 It's final okay.

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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 And what it allows for is restricted
19 re-use termination of licenses. So instead of an
20 unrestricted termination like we have south of the firing
21 line, if you invoke some institutional controls like
22 fences, security, warning signs, sampling, those types of
23 things, you can terminate the license. But it would be
24 under certain controls. It wouldn't be unrestricted
25 termination. Those would have to be worked out between

1 the licensing. in this case the Army and the NRC. but
2 that rule is now final and it identifies that criteria.

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4 MR. TIM MOORE:

5 Paul could you tell us about the area
6 north of the firing line? Where are we at on that? Is
7 the Army - is it just laying in limbo like it has?

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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 There has been no change in the
11 status other than I'm sure you're aware the Army has
12 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fish
13 and Wildlife Service for them to manage the wildlife and
14 natural resources there. We are also in the process of
15 entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the
16 National Guard for them to continue their mission there.
17 In return for that they will help maintain some of the
18 roads, the fences and some of the cultural resources. Old
19 Timber's Lodge, Oakdale School, those type of things.
20 That would be part of that agreement. As you are
21 probably aware the Secretary of the Army was at JPG last
22 October and he made a commitment at that time that the
23 Air National Guard would continue their missions for a
24 while at the Proving Ground. And we see that as
25 continuing for some time. Did that answer your question?

1 MR. TIM MOORE:

2 Un-huh (yes). Basically we're at
3 the same place we were. There's - I was told by one (1)
4 of the county commissioners that there's a letter of
5 county government for all county government officials to
6 sign to be sent to the Secretary of the Army requesting
7 eleven hundred (1100) acres of the Proving Ground for a
8 landfill. Do you know anything about that at all?

9
10 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

11 There has been a letter sent to the
12 Secretary of the Army. I do not know if there has been a
13 response yet but the Army has responded to that specific
14 question at least three (3) times within the last eleven
15 (11) months. And there have been no changes that I'm
16 aware of from the responses that have been released by
17 them. There is a process and certain things that need to
18 be done before anything like that could occur. Just to
19 give you an idea that property is currently claimed by
20 Fish and Wildlife though they haven't accepted title and
21 they may or may not. That would have to be worked out
22 with the Fish and Wildlife Service. All the property
23 north of the firing line is considered to have unexploded
24 ordnance on it. So if anything is done north of the
25 firing line specific to your question, a landfill, you

1 would have to check for unexploded ordnance. The area
2 south of the firing line as you've already identified in
3 some areas averages six thousand dollars (\$6,000) an acre
4 to the four (4) foot level below the surface. a landfill
5 might go down to twenty (20) foot. It might be twenty
6 (\$20,000) or thirty thousand (\$30,000) or more. It
7 depends on the property. If there are trees, it's
8 rugged, hilly, whatever.

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10 MR. TIM MOORE:

11 We don't have a magnetometer that
12 will go that deep do we?

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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 You would probably have to do four
16 (4) foot increments and then scrap away the dirt. It
17 would be very expensive. I don't think it's been done
18 before.

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20 MR. TIM MOORE:

21 Did you see that letter?

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23 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

24 I have seen the letter to the
25 Secretary. I have not seen - and it was actually a

1 letter from Congressman Hamilton. I have not seen any
2 letter to the Secretary from the local governments no.
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4 MR. TIM MOORE:

5 Was the letter from Congressman
6 Hamilton. did it request an eleven hundred (1100) acre
7 landfill?
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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 All it did basically was identify
11 that there had been a number of letters received by the
12 Congressman's office on this issue. And the Congressman
13 wanted to know what it was. I do not know whether the
14 Army has responded yet.
15

16 MR. TIM MOORE:

17 The letter that was sent to the
18 Secretary of the Army was it from seven (7) counties, all
19 the officials from the seven (7) counties? Or do you
20 know?
21

22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 All that I know is that the
24 Congressman wrote - the only letter I've seen is the
25 letter from Congressman Hamilton to the Secretary. It

1 references a number of letters to his office from the
2 local elected officials. I have not seen any local
3 elected officials --
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5 MR. TIM MOORE:

6 Requesting eleven hundred (1100)
7 acres for a landfill?
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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 I have not seen anything like that.
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12 MR. TIM MOORE:

13 Okay.
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15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 Yes sir?
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18 MR. TIM MALONEY:

19 Paul can the RAB request that the
20 Army provide a copy of that letter in their response
21 concerning the landfill to the RAB members?
22

23 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

24 They can request it. It's somewhat
25 beyond the scope of what the RAB is for and it has to be

1 re-use and the RAB is essentially for environmental clean
2 up. But we can - once the letter has - once the Army has
3 responded I can provide a copy to RAB. I don't see that
4 as a problem.

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6 Mr. TIM MOORE:

7 I would definitely like to see that.
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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 Yes sir?
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12 MR. JIM BELDING:

13 Of course I understand the Fish and
14 Wildlife is going to be caretakers what three (3) years
15 you say?
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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 Right now that's what our --
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20 MR. JIM BELDING:

21 Okay. What's your opinion of what's
22 going to happen after that? Do you think they might take
23 over - take over the whole thing? Of course they
24 shouldn't have to take responsibility. The Army is the
25 one (1) that - you know they should be the ones

1 responsible for the ordnance and stuff like that. Do you
2 think they will assume full authority over the - over the
3 remainder?
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5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 Possibly. When we had our media day
7 here in July at the Proving Ground for the Memorandum of
8 Understanding between the Army and the Fish and Wildlife
9 Services one (1) of the ranking members from the region
10 for Fish and Wildlife indicated that they would probably
11 actively seek funding in their budget past our agreement
12 to perpetuate their activities there. Now whether that
13 would also include their ownership of the land is
14 unknown. One (1) of the things that will bear on that is
15 the current munitions rule that just came out from the
16 EPA and the range rule which are what these fact sheets
17 are on that will be coming out here shortly and will
18 probably be final next summer. When those two (2) rules
19 are implemented and active and every - all dust has
20 settled, it is possible at some future date that Fish and
21 Wildlife may be able to take title to that property.
22 Whether or not they do will be their decision.
23

24 MR. JIM BELDING:

25 Okay. Okay.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 But at least it may be possible.

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4 MR. JIM BELDING:

5 Okay.

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7 MR. GEORGE LOCKARD:

8 The whole fifty-one thousand (51,000)
9 acres?

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 That's what their claim is right now.
13 They have not retracted that claim. The whole fifty-one
14 thousand (51,000) acres yes sir.

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16 MR. JIM BELDING:

17 Personally that's what I would like
18 to see.

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20 MR. TIM MOORE:

21 Paul can you answer whether the Army
22 has leased any of those buildings and made payments to
23 the person that bought that south cantonment area? I
24 also heard that they im - you guys immediately paid rent
25 on those buildings for storage I guess.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 The Army is not leasing any buildings
3 from Ford Lumber and Building Supply.
4

5 MR. TIM MOORE:

6 Okay.
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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 The only thing that we are paying to
10 is for utilities and electricity.
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12 MR. TIM MOORE:

13 Okay.
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15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 Sir do you have a question?
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18 MR. CHARLES VOGEL:

19 I don't know. I think I better keep
20 my mouth shut. There's one (1) thing I do not want to
21 see have that thing is the Fish and Wildlife. We've
22 already got a Wildlife Refugee right over here about ten
23 (10) miles and it's nothing but a total disaster to the
24 farmers in the area. And we do not need another one (1)
25 over here. There are plenty of uses for that thing

1 besides that.

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3 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

4 Thank you.

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6 MR. CHARLES VOGEL:

7 Landfill. We need reservoirs. All
8 the counties around there needs water. If they put
9 reservoirs in there for water, stone quarries, whatever.
10 But keep the Fish and Wildlife out of it.

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12 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

13 Thank you. Any other questions or
14 comments?

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16 MR. JOHN HALL:

17 Of course you're going back to the
18 military part of it that I know that Indiana National
19 Guard is performing some degree there, but it looks like
20 they may have a long term agreement on the facility and
21 that's what I was kind of wondering. You say it's
22 transferred to the State of Indiana, Indiana National
23 Guard?

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 It hasn't been transferred. The Army
3 still owns the property.

4
5 MR. JOHN HALL:

6 So would that option be open?

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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 We are not clear.

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11 MR. JOHN HALL:

12 I mean when we have - the reason I
13 say that is that you know there seem to be some aspect
14 going back. I'm going back to either seventies and
15 eighties. But you know the Air National Guard which we
16 do have in Indiana and they do use Atterbury as well.
17 But we've got a pretty large Indiana National Guard force
18 and I was wondering what role they're going to play
19 there. I mean are they going to be there for just a
20 short period of time? Is giving the Wildlife the refugee
21 will they be asked to leave?

22
23 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

24 No. In fact the Memorandum of
25 Understanding that is currently being processed between

1 the Army and the National Guard identifies the Guard as
2 having precedence over the Fish and Wildlife for that
3 acreage that they are using.

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5 MR. JOHN HALL:

6 Just for the acreage?

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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 Just for the acreage whether it's a
10 thousand (1,000) acres they're currently using. Or if
11 they request and we negotiate some deal it identifies
12 them as having precedence. Does that answer your
13 question?

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15 MR. JOHN HALL:

16 Well it just - I just kind of
17 wondered because I know that the Army National Guard I
18 know was very interested in it back some time ago. You
19 already have the ranges built there and things like that
20 to use. So it makes sense that they would have a
21 presence there. I - my only thing is that once it's
22 transferred away from - all the military walks away from
23 the facility it's going to be hard to get any money you
24 know from the way I've seen things. If there is the
25 presence of military there, even if it's Indiana National

1 Guard. I think that would help facilitate funds for the
2 roads. other things that's needed there to keep that
3 going which would be the advocacy also of the Wildlife
4 Refugee here if we have the presence of the military
5 through there.

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 I understand. There was a question
9 at the last RAB meeting regarding payment in lieu of
10 taxes for wildlife refugees. The case of Atterbury - or
11 Muscatatuck was brought up. And there is an actual law
12 that for the Department of Interior or Fish and Wildlife
13 involved in that, a national wildlife refugee. there's a
14 law that allows the local counties to be compensated for
15 that property because it's taken off the tax load. The
16 question at the last RAB meeting was whether or not that
17 law applies to JPG. And the answer is no it does not.
18 And the reason it does not is because the property still
19 belongs to the Department of the Army. So for the time
20 being that is the immediate answer. However there are
21 other laws that are being looked at currently that may be
22 applicable and as soon as we have researched them we will
23 report back on that. Yes sir?

1 MR. CHARLES VOGEL:

2 As far as the taxes it wouldn't
3 amount to anything anyway because that one (1) down there
4 I was trustee at the time they took that over in Jennings
5 County and it was drawing twenty-six thousand dollars
6 (\$26,000) a year taxes off of it. They said we will
7 never get below that amount. Two (2) years ago they got
8 down to eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000). The way that
9 stuff develops we could be drawing a hundred thousand
10 dollars (\$100,000) off of that now. Or that's what they
11 paid two (2) years ago. So their word don't mean a
12 thing.

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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 I'm not familiar with the specifics
16 of the law.

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18 MR. CHARLES VOGEL:

19 Well I was just involved in it at
20 that time. I know what they told me.

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22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 I will let your statement stand.
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1 MR. CHARLES VOGEL:

2 They wouldn't put nothing in writing.

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 I understand.

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7 MR. TIM MOORE:

8 Those records and amounts would be
9 public record.

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 They are. They are public record
13 that anyone can look at.

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15 MR. TIM MOORE:

16 Easy to get to on the internet.

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18 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

19 Look at them on the internet or go to
20 the Library. They're there. Any other questions or
21 comments?

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23 MR. TIM MOORE:

24 Well I don't know - is our comments
25 going to weigh anything at all here? Are they going to

1 make any difference? I mean I've been going to these
2 things forever and ever and ever. And obviously you and
3 Mr. Cloud know what my concerns and everything are. One
4 (1) thing that I have not seen in - from the public is an
5 interest. As we can see tonight there's very - I can't
6 believe that we're talking about millions and millions
7 and millions of dollars and thousands and thousands and
8 thousands of acres of land that belongs to all of us and
9 nobody is interested. I don't understand you know why
10 there ain't a bunch of people here you know. If a bunch
11 of farmers are mad about the Fish and Wildlife taking the
12 thing over why ain't there a bunch of them here? I can't
13 understand.

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15 **MR. CHARLES VOGEL:**

16 Because it's a waste of time that's
17 why.

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19 **MR. TIM MOORE:**

20 It makes me a fool for coming.

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22 **MR. BOB HUDSON:**

23 I believe you could announce Rose
24 Acres was going to go back in there they'd be a bunch of
25 them here.

1 MR. TIM MOORE:

2 Another comment that I would like to
3 make is I don't really believe that from the people that
4 - when we were thrown - when ideas were thrown around
5 with Mr. Gourley and the redevelopment board and things,
6 the only things that they came up with was the filthiest,
7 nastiest things we could think about. Now Mayor Hall
8 tonight's made some positives. And he's bringing up
9 things that could have been done, some ideas that nobody
10 says - you know I can't understand why nobody would come
11 up with anything positive for the thing you know.
12 Everything that he said about that airport, the
13 infrastructure that's already available in that airport,
14 that now they're just going to clear it and it's going to
15 be planted in corn you know. And then when you clear -
16 we're spending huge amounts of government money to clear
17 land that's going to be planted in corn which is going to
18 compete with - with our local farmers you know. If
19 there's more corn produced it's going to drive the price
20 down. So we're just spending huge amounts of government
21 money to compete to start a business that's going to
22 compete with the guys that are already there you know. I
23 haven't seen anything that's very positive on a huge
24 resource that means so much to so many people. I haven't
25 seen the Air National Guard being there. I think it's a

1 positive thing. And I'm just glad that the Fish and
2 Wildlife Service is there. One (1) thing I do believe
3 that area is environmentally valued. It's very valuable.
4 Because it's been locked up for fifty (50) years. It's
5 been behind a fence and it's totally different when you
6 walk past that fence. It's been environment - the
7 environmental community in there is completely different.
8 We seen that from the slide show from Fish and Wildlife
9 Service agent you know. He was talking about four (4)
10 species of fish that live in there that don't live
11 anywhere else in the State of Indiana anymore. You know
12 and the drainage and things. It's a neat thing. It's
13 well worth preserving you know and keeping you know. And
14 if we want to clear the whole thing and plant it all in
15 corn we will just drive the price of corn down a little
16 bit more and we will spend millions and millions of
17 dollars to do it you know. Like I said before when I get
18 my pay check at the end of the week I'm mad as hell every
19 week you know. Because of the amount of money that we -
20 I mean I can't believe that everybody is not mad that
21 they spent six thousand dollars (\$6,000) an acre to clear
22 a hundred (100) acres to plant corn on.

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24 MR. JIM BELDING:

25 You might have already said but what

1 is the estimate on cleaning all that up. the thirty-five
2 hundred (3500) acres south?

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 There are two (2) parts to that. One
6 (1) is the UXO and one (1) is the environment.

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8 MR. JIM BELDING:

9 How about the total clean up?

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 Total cleanup will probably average -
13 will probably be between forty (\$40,000,000) and fifty
14 million dollars (\$50,000,000). That's environmental and
15 UXO.

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17 MR. JIM BELDING:

18 And Ford paid five point what?

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 Five point one (5.1). However I
22 might point out that had the community obtained the
23 property they might have retained it for a lot less and
24 we would have spent the same amount of money.

1 MR. JIM BELDING:

2 Yeah that's what --

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 The Army's commitment is to clean it
6 up to a specific level regardless of who got the
7 property.

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9 MR. JIM BELDING:

10 Well I would have thought that
11 Madison would have done everything in the world to obtain
12 the whole south end myself.

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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 You would have to refer that question
16 to Jefferson County.

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18 MR. JIM BELDING:

19 Right. I understand that and I know
20 the way it happened. But I'm sure everybody looks back
21 on it and wish they had of too. Of course you're talking
22 about the Air National Guard. I'm got some farm land
23 right in through the Proving Ground fence. It's like the
24 old saying is. As long as it's not in your back yard.
25 But they swoop right down on my barn or you put a

1 landfill in John Hall's back yard you know it's a little
2 different.

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4 MR. TIM MOORE:

5 If you put a landfill in even if it's
6 just on the road that goes to your property and you live
7 five (5) or six (6) miles away from it it's going to
8 degrade your property value.

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10 MR. JIM BELDING:

11 Oh yeah. You're going to have trucks
12 coming up and down your road. I know they're supposed
13 to be covered with canvass and all that kind of stuff.
14 You know we're just trying to preserve as to who already
15 owns it as the taxpayers and do something with it so that
16 maybe in the future we have something left.

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18 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

19 Any other comments or questions?

20 Richard?

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22 MR. RICHARD HILL:

23 Okay. I don't know what to say after
24 that. I do appreciate everybody's opinion. I do
25 sometimes wonder how much good it's going to do us but

1 that's okay. That's great. At least we have it. I do
2 want to mention - I mentioned this in Ripley County last
3 week. For one (1) thing our attendance has been
4 dwindling and our number of board members has been
5 dwindling also. I welcome anybody that's interested or
6 if you know anybody that's interested from the Jennings
7 County area as well. is interested in being on the KAB be
8 sure and let us know. We do - we are out there seeking
9 some more members you know. Also I thought I'd just
10 bring up real quickly for people in - in Jennings County
11 does this particular evening of the month. it's the
12 second Wednesday. is this as good as any other night?

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14 **MR. TIM MOORE:**

15 I go to school at Indianapolis on
16 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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18 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

19 We're all right then. Thank you.
20 But you know sometimes we run into problems with being on
21 the same night as the county commissioner's meetings or
22 the plan commission meetings and it's hard - you can't
23 work around everything. But I just thought I would ask.
24 That's something that I've been asked about at times to
25 check on. So it sounds like we're okay here. Good.

1 That's all I have. I'm glad everybody came that did.
2 Thank you.

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4 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

5 The next RAB meeting is scheduled in
6 November. It's scheduled for Madison at the Public
7 Library. The specific date is still to be determined
8 because the previous date we identified is the day after
9 a federal holiday and it may not be conducive for travel.
10 As soon as Richard and I along with John and Karen from
11 the State EPA have agreed on a date we will make that
12 public knowledge and notify the paper so that they can
13 get it out also. Everyone is on the mailing list here
14 and you will get a letter. It will probably be mid
15 November. It is scheduled to be at the Library at
16 Madison.

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18 **MR. BOB HUDSON:**

19 Paul the community won't have any
20 trouble getting around that day. Not a bit.

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22 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

23 If no one (I) has anything else I
24 would thank you again like Richard. And if you have not
25 signed in on the attendance sheet please do so. If you

1 would like a copy of this slide and you are not a KAB
2 member please so indicate with an "X" in that column and
3 we will make sure that we get you a copy of the slide.
4 Thank you and good night.

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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, Sharon Shields, do hereby certify that I am
a Notary Public in and for the County of Jefferson, State
of Indiana, duly authorized and qualified to administer
oaths: That the foregoing public hearing was taken by me
in shorthand and on a tape recorder on September 10, 1997
in the North Vernon Public Library, North Vernon, IN:
That this public hearing was taken on behalf of the
Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board
pursuant to agreement for taking at this time and place;
That the testimony of the witnesses was reduced to
typewriting by me and contains a complete and accurate
transcript of the said testimony.

I further certify that pursuant to stipulation
by and between the respective parties, this testimony has
been transcribed and submitted to the Jefferson Proving
Ground Restoration Advisory Board.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 7th
day of October, 1997.


Sharon Shields, Notary Public
Jefferson County, State of Indiana

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